

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (cancel)

Claim 10 (previously presented): An oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition comprising:

- a water phase,
 - an oil phase dispersed in the water phase,
 - a hydrophobized powder dispersed in the oil phase,
 - 0.05 to 2 wt% of succinoglycan, and
 - at least one plasticizer selected from the group consisting of glycerin, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside and polyethylene glycol 20000,
- wherein the oil phase contains 50 wt% or more of silicone oil in the total amount of the oil phase,
- wherein the oil phase contains at least one of polyoxyalkylene-modified polysiloxane and isostearic acid as a dispersant of the hydrophobized powder.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 10, wherein the at least one plasticizer is present in an amount of 1 to 40 wt%.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 10, further comprising at least one co-emulsifier selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxy methyl cellulose and gelatin.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The oil-in-water-emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 10, wherein the hydrophobized powder is an ultraviolet light scattering agent.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 13, wherein the ultraviolet light scattering agent is at least one of hydrophobized titanium oxide and hydrophobized zinc oxide.

Claim 15 (previously presented): An oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition comprising:

- a water phase,
- an oil phase dispersed in the water phase,
- a hydrophobized powder dispersed in the oil phase,
- 0.05 to 2 wt% of succinoglycan, and
- at least one plasticizer selected from the group consisting of glycerin, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside and polyethylene glycol 20000,

wherein the oil phase contains at least 50 wt% of polar oil, and

wherein the oil phase contains at least one selected from the group consisting of condensed 12-hydroxystearic acid-added polyethylene glycol and condensed 12-hydroxystearic acid-added polyglycerol as a dispersant of the hydrophobized powder.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 15, wherein the at least one plasticizer is present in an amount of 1 to 40 wt%.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 15, further comprising at least one co-emulsifier selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxy methyl cellulose and gelatin.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The oil-in-water-emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 15, wherein the hydrophobized powder is an ultraviolet light scattering agent.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition of claim 18, wherein the ultraviolet light scattering agent is at least one of hydrophobized titanium oxide and hydrophobized zinc oxide.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A method for preparation of the composition of claim 10, comprising:

- combining a hydrophobized powder to an oil phase of an emulsion in the presence of a dispersant,
- finely grinding the hydrophobized powder with a wet dispersing machine to produce a powder dispersion, and

mixing and emulsifying the powder dispersion and a water phase containing succinoglycan and at least one plasticizer.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A method for preparation of the composition of claim 15, comprising:

combining a hydrophobized powder to an oil phase of an emulsion in the presence of a dispersant,

finely grinding the hydrophobized powder with a wet dispersing machine to produce a powder dispersion, and

mixing and emulsifying the powder dispersion and a water phase containing succinoglycan and at least one plasticizer.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): A method for improving both of a feeling in use and a stability of dispersion in an oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition comprising a water phase, an oil phase dispersed in the water phase, and a hydrophobized powder dispersed in the oil phase, the method comprising:

providing an oil phase comprising at least 50 wt% of silicone oil,

providing a hydrophobized powder to the oil phase,

providing at least one of polyoxyalkylene-modified polysiloxane and isostearic acid as a dispersant to the oil phase,

providing 0.05 to 2 wt% of succinoglycan, and at least one plasticizer selected from the group consisting of glycerin, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside and polyethylene glycol 20000, and

blending the foregoing components together.

Claim 23 (new): An oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition comprising:

- a water phase,
- an oil phase dispersed in the water phase,
- a hydrophobized powder dispersed in the oil phase, wherein the hydrophobized powder is at least one of hydrophobized titanium oxide and hydrophobized zinc oxide,
- 0.05 to 2 wt% of succinoglycan, and
- 1 to 40 wt% of at least one plasticizer selected from the group consisting of glycerin, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside and polyethylene glycol 20000,
- at least one co-emulsifier selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxy methyl cellulose and gelatin,
- wherein the oil phase contains 50 wt% or more of silicone oil in the total amount of the oil phase,
- wherein the oil phase contains at least one of polyoxyalkylene-modified polysiloxane and isostearic acid as a dispersant of the hydrophobized powder.